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Of the Officers of the Town of  
**BENTON, N. H.**

For The Year Ending  
**January 31, 1944**



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**Town of Benton, New Hampshire**  
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**BENTON TOWN OFFICERS**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| <b>MODERATOR</b>   | <b>TOWN CLERK</b>    |
| Ira E. Elliott   | Floyd J. Hutchins    |
| <b>SELECTMEN</b>   |                      |
| George Crowe, Alfred Mardin (A)  | Charles H. Tyler     |
| Term expires '44, Term expires '44   | Term expires '46     |
| <b>HIGHWAY AGENT</b> , Joseph Boutin, Jr.  |                      |
| <b>TREASURER</b>   | <b>TAX COLLECTOR</b> |
| Margaret E. Elliott  | Ira E. Elliott       |
| <b>SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST</b>  |                      |
| Ethel A. Boutin, Napoleon Burke  | Chester Elliott      |
| <b>SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER</b>   |                      |
| Floyd J. Hutchins  |                      |
| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>  |                      |
| Mildred A. Elliott, Laura Noxon, Frances Mardin  |                      |
| <b>FENCE VIEWER</b> , Arthur Delaney   |                      |
| <b>CONSTABLE.</b>  | Ira E. Elliott       |
| <b>SCHOOL BOARD</b>  |                      |
| Ethel A. Boutin, Floyd J. Hutchins, Alexzina Boutin  |                      |
| <b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</b>   |                      |
| Floyd Hutchins, Ch., Napoleon Burke, Arthur Delaney  |                      |
| <b>SEXTONS</b>   |                      |
| Ira E. Elliott   | William Prue,        |
| Mt. View and East  | South Benton         |
| <b>AUDITOR</b> , Ethel A. Boutin   |                      |
| <b>BALLOT CLERKS</b>   |                      |
| Thelma Boutin, Joseph Boutin, Jr., Mildred Elliott   |                      |
| and William Crowe  |                      |
| <b>LIBRARIAN</b> , Margaret E. Elliott   |                      |
| <b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>  | John Boutin          |
| <b>OVERSEER OF POOR</b>  | Ethel A. Boutin      |
| <b>POUND KEEPER</b>  | William Crowe        |
| Alfred Mardin was appointed Selectman to fill<br>vacancy of John Elliott, resigned. Ira Elliott succeed-<br>ed the late Charles C. Tyler in the care of our ceme-<br>teries. |                      |

## Town Meeting Warrant

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### The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Benton Community Building in said Benton on the second Tuesday of March next, (March 14th) at ten o'clock in the forenoon until four o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, (George Crewe being the outgoing member), one Selectman for one year, (Albert Mardin being the outgoing member), one Highway Agent, one Tax Collector, one Town Treasurer, one Auditor, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To hear the Reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' salaries and expenses, for the repair and maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observance of Memorial Day and for all other Town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to how Memorial Day will be observed.

Article 5. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping Town Highways open for motor vehicle traffic for the winter season including snow removal and sanding and make the necessary appropriation of the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of inventory blanks until April 1st.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell property taken by tax deeds, for taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to buy snow fences for places needed on their Town roads and to vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

Article 10. To see what rate the Town will vote to pay per hour for its snow plowing and sanding for man and truck.

Article 11. To have the Town receive a bid for three cords of wood, for the Town's share for the Community building, to be delivered.

Article 12. The polls will be open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. for voting for Delegates-at-large.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February, A. D., 1944.

ALFRED U. MARDIN

C. H. TYLER

Selectmen of Benton.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

ALFRED U. MARDIN,

C. H. TYLER

## BUDGET OF TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditures for the ensuing year, Feb. 1st, 1944 to Feb. 1st, 1945

Compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous year, Feb. 1st, 1943 to Feb. 1st, 1944.

| Sources of Revenue  | actual<br>1943 | est'm'd<br>1944    |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| <b>FROM STATE</b>   |                |                    |
| Interest and Dividend Tax   | \$13.76        | \$ 13.00           |
| Railroad Tax  | 12.27          | 12.00              |
| Savings Bank Tax  | 6.62           | 6.00               |
| Bounties  | 46.40          | 46.40              |
| <b>FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:</b>                                     |                |                    |
| Interest and Costs Included   | 45.92          | 40.00              |
| Auto Permits  | 108.19         | 100.00             |
| <b>FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER<br/>THAN PROPERTY TAXES:</b>                      |                |                    |
| Poll Taxes (1943)   | 106.20         | 100.00             |
| Dog Taxes (1943)  | 62.00          | 50.00              |
| Income, Forest Reserve, (1942)  | 288.96         | 250.00             |
| Income, House Bill No. 65, (Est.)   | 761.41         | 700.00             |
| Income, Trust Funds   | 117.05         | 110.00             |
| Tax Sales Redeemed  | 33.82          | 50.00              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES<br/>EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES</b> \$1,477.40 |                |                    |
| <b>Amount to be raised by Property Taxes.</b>                               |                | <b>3,307.60</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>   |                | <b>\$ 4,785.00</b> |

**Purpose of Expenditures****Current Maintenance Expenses:**

|  | actual<br>1943 | est'm'd<br>1944 |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>                   |                |                 |
| Town Officers' Salaries                      | \$341.10       | \$375.00        |
| Town Officers' Expenses                      | 231.95         | 235.00          |
| Election and Registration                    | 38.00          | 170.00          |
| Care and Supplies Community                  |                |                 |
| Building                                     | 88.00          | 170.00          |
| <b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS &amp; PROPERTY:</b> |                |                 |
| Police Department                            | 5.00           | 5.00            |
| Bounties                                     | 46.40          |                 |
| <b>HEALTH:</b>                               |                |                 |
| Health Department                            | 5.00           | 5.00            |
| Vital Statistics                             | 4.25           | 5.00            |
| <b>HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:</b>                 |                |                 |
| Town Roads                                   | 658.10         | 600.00          |
| Snow   | 776.71         | 800.00          |
| <b>LIBRARIES:</b>                            |                |                 |
| Libraries                                    | 12.00          | 12.00           |

## CHARITIES:

|                             |        |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Town Poor and Old Age Ass't | 256.37 | 250.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|

## PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

|              |       |       |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| Memorial Day | 15.44 | 40.00 |
|--------------|-------|-------|

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

|            |        |       |
|------------|--------|-------|
| Cemeteries | 117.65 | 75.00 |
|------------|--------|-------|

|                            |       |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Payment on Community Bldg. | 88.00 | 88.00 |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|

|                  |        |        |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Interest on Note | 112.90 | 100.00 |
|------------------|--------|--------|

|               |       |  |
|---------------|-------|--|
| Town Road Aid | 35.00 |  |
|---------------|-------|--|

**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions**

|            |        |        |
|------------|--------|--------|
| County Tax | 192.96 | 200.00 |
|------------|--------|--------|

|                             |          |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Payments to School District | 1,369.48 | 1,725.00 |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|

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|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$4,785.00</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|

## INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF BENTON

April 1, 1943

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Land and Buildings  | \$ 69,520.00  |
| Electric Plants   | 30,990.00     |
| Horses (23)   | 3,375.00      |
| Cows (134)  | 12,050.00     |
| Oxen (2)  | 175.00        |
| Neat Stock (7)  | 615.00        |
| Wood and Lumber   | 818.00        |
| Gasoline Pumps and Tanks  | 200.00        |
| Stock in Trade  | 355.00        |
|   | <hr/>         |
|   | \$118,098.00  |
|   |               |
| Polls (81) @ \$2.00   | \$162.00      |
|   |               |
| Amount of Taxes to be committed<br>to Collector including Polls<br>and Property | \$ 4,059.23   |
|   |               |
| Average Rate percent of taxation<br>for all purposes                            | \$ 3.30       |
|   |               |
| 1942 Valuation  | \$ 124,470.98 |
|   |               |
| 1943 Valuation  | 118,098.00    |
|   | <hr/>         |
| 1943 Decrease   | \$ 6,372.98   |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES  
ASSESSED 1943, TOWN OF BENTON

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|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Officers' Salaries              | \$ 380.00   |
| Town Officers' Expenses              | 260.00      |
| Election and Registration            | 50.00       |
| Town Hall                            | 100.00      |
| Police Department                    | 10.00       |
| Health Department                    | 5.00        |
| Vital Statistics                     | 5.00        |
| Town Road Aid                        | 206.42      |
| Town Maintenance                     | 550.00      |
| Flood Damage                         | 955.65      |
| Snow Removal                         | 700.00      |
| White Mts. Regional Membership       | 15.00       |
| Libraries                            | 12.00       |
| Old Age Assistance                   | 100.00      |
| Town Poor                            | 100.00      |
| Memorial Day                         | 20.00       |
| Cemeteries                           | 50.00       |
| Interest                             | 32.00       |
| Payments on Principal of Debt        | 88.00       |
| County Tax                           | 192.96      |
| School Tax                           | 1,525.00    |
| <hr/>                                |             |
| TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS | \$ 5,357.03 |

**Less Estimated Revenue and Credits:**

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Interest and Dividend Tax   | \$ 13.80   |
| Railroad Tax                | 13.00      |
| Savings Bank Tax            | 9.00       |
| Motor Vehicle Permit Fees   | 85.00      |
| Reimbursement a-c State and |            |
| Federal Land                | 1,002.11   |
| Town Road Aid               | 165.14     |
| Interest on Taxes           | 40.00      |
| Trust Funds                 | 124.00     |
|                             | <hr/>      |
|                             | \$1,452.05 |

**Total Appropriations**

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Total Town and School Appropriations | \$ 5,307.03 |
| Less Estimated Revenue and Credits   | 1,452.05    |
|                                      | <hr/>       |

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Total        | \$ 3,904.98 |
| Plus overlay | 154.25      |
|              | <hr/>       |

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Net amount to be raised by Taxation</b> | <b>\$ 4,059.23</b> |
| Less Poll Taxes                            | 162.00             |
|  | <hr/>              |

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| <b>Amount to be raised by Property Tax,<br/>on which Town Tax Rate is figured</b> | <b>\$ 3,897.23</b> |
| Taxes to be committed to Collector  |                    |

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Property Taxes | \$ 3,897.23 |
| Poll Taxes     | 162.00      |
|                | <hr/>       |

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Total Tax to be committed to Collector | \$ 4,059.23 |
| Tax Rate \$3.30                        |             |

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

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|                                     |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Community Building                  | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Furniture and Equipment             | 1,000.00    |
| Town Clerk's Building               | 200.00      |
| Furniture and Equipment             | 50.00       |
| Highway Equipment including Road    |             |
| Machine, Snow Plow and Wing         | 445.00      |
| Town Safe                           | 50.00       |
| <hr/>                               |             |
| Total                               | \$ 6,745.00 |
| Property Deeded to Town by Tax Deed | \$ 350.00   |

# **Financial Report**

## **of the Town of Benton**

**For The Year Ending January 31, 1944**

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**BALANCE****ASSETS****Cash:**

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| In hands of treasurer | \$ 1,194.99 |
|-----------------------|-------------|

**Accounts Due to the Town:****Due from State—**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Bounties                               | 46.40  |
| Estimate Forest Reserve                | 250.00 |
| Reimbursement a-c Federal Forest Lands | 700.00 |
| Note                                   | 89.00  |

**Taxes bought by Town:**

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Taxes bought by Town | 76.13 |
|----------------------|-------|

**Unredeemed Taxes:**

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Levy of 1943 property and polls | 467.92 |
| Levy of 1942 property and polls | 82.89  |
| Levy of 1941 property and polls | 54.25  |
| Levy of 1940 property and polls | 44.46  |

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Total Assets | \$ 3,006.04 |
|--------------|-------------|

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$ 3,006.04</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Surplus, January 31, 1943 | 168.86    |
| Surplus, January 31, 1944 | \$ 766.32 |
| Decrease of Surplus       | \$ 597.46 |

The State money was also not received at settling date.

## SHEET

January 31, 1944

## LIABILITIES

## Accounts Owed by Town:

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Building Note                     | \$ 704.00  |
| Bank Notes                        | 1,300.00   |
| Due to School District:           |            |
| Dog Licenses unpaid               | 0.00       |
| Balance of Appropriation          | 235.72     |
| <br>Total Liabilities             | \$2,239.72 |
| Excess of assets over liabilities | 766.32     |
| <br>Grand Total                   | \$3,006.04 |

The 1943 Forest Reserve will be divided with the School as soon as received.

If the State reimbursement and Forest Reserve had been received at settling date the bank notes could have been reduced somewhat.

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## STATEMENT OF RELIEF PROGRAM

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Mr. Charles Blake | \$ 70.13 |
|-------------------|----------|

## TOWN POOR:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Board for Mrs. Lulu Collins                | 85.00 |
| Groceries for Mrs. Lulu Collins            | 10.24 |
| Dr. Dearborn for Mrs. Lulu Collins         | 55.00 |
| Grafton Co. Hospital for Mrs. Lulu Collins | 36.00 |

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Total                        | \$ 256.37 |
| Mrs. Lulu Collins            | \$ 186.24 |
| Charles Blake, Old Age Ass't | 70.13     |

|       |           |
|-------|-----------|
| Total | \$ 256.37 |
|-------|-----------|

ETHEL A. BOUTIN, Overseer.

**REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER**  
**MARGARET E. ELLIOTT**

Received from the State of New Hampshire:

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Bounties                        | \$ 18.80   |
| National Forest Reserve         | 288.96     |
| Reimbursement from forest lands | 761.41     |
| Forest Fire Bill                | 7.60       |
| Reimbursement T. R. A. money    | 36.96      |
| Savings Bank Tax                | 6.62       |
| Railroad Tax                    | 12.27      |
| Interest and Dividend Tax       | 13.76      |
|                                 | <hr/>      |
|                                 | \$1,146.33 |

Received from Floyd Hutchins:

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1942 Dog Tax                    | 6.00     |
| 1943 Dog Tax                    | 62.00    |
| 1943 Motor Vehicle Tax          | 108.19   |
| Refund from overpayment in 1942 | 6.00     |
|                                 | <hr/>    |
|                                 | \$182.19 |

From Trust Funds:

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| For Cemeteries | 60.05    |
| For Highways   | 57.00    |
|                | <hr/>    |
|                | \$117.05 |

Received from Ira Elliott, Collector:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| 1942 Property Taxes                | 306.73   |
| 1942 Property Taxes bought by Town | 58.42    |
| 1942 Interest                      | 19.65    |
| 1942 Cost                          | 22.10    |
| 1942 Poll Taxes                    | 26.00    |
| 1941 Poll Tax                      | 2.00     |
| 1943 Property Taxes                | 3,482.73 |

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Abatement on 1943 Property Tax       | 16.50              |
| 1943 Interest                        | 4.17               |
| 1943 Poll Taxes                      | 106.00             |
|                                      | —————              |
|                                      | \$4,044.35         |
| Received from Woodsville Bank:       |                    |
| Notes                                | 800.00             |
| Received from Joseph Watson:         |                    |
| Lot in Mountain View Cemetery        | 20.00              |
| Received from Alice B. Tyler:        |                    |
| Lot in Mountain View Cemetery        | 5.00               |
|                                      | —————              |
| Receipts for 1943                    | \$ 6,314.97        |
| Balance February 1, 1943             | 317.57             |
|                                      | —————              |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                | <b>\$ 6,632.54</b> |
| Less orders paid                     | 5,437.55           |
|                                      | —————              |
| <b>Cash on hand February 1, 1944</b> | <b>\$1,194.90</b>  |

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Town Tres.

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### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

#### LEVY 1943:

##### Taxes Committed to Collector:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Property Taxes       | \$ 3,897.20        |
| Poll Taxes           | 162.00             |
|                      | —————              |
| <b>Total Warrant</b> | <b>\$ 4,059.20</b> |

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Added Poll Taxes                      | 14.00       |
| 1943 Interest                         | 4.17        |
| <hr/>                                 |             |
| Total Debits                          | \$ 4,077.37 |
| Total Remittance to Treasurer         | \$ 3,592.95 |
| Abatements                            | 16.50       |
| Uncollected Taxes, Property and Polls | 467.92      |
| <hr/>                                 |             |
| Total Credits                         | \$ 4,077.37 |
| LEVY 1942:                            |             |
| Uncollected Taxes, February 1, 1943   | \$ 334.62   |
| Collected fiscal year                 | 281.73      |
| Uncollected January 31, 1944          | 52.89       |
| 1942 Interest Collected               | 14.74       |
| LEVY 1941:                            |             |
| Uncollected                           | 52.25       |
| LEVY 1940:                            |             |
| Uncollected                           | 50.46       |
| LEVY 1939:                            |             |
| Uncollected                           | 36.52       |
| COLLECTED:                            |             |
| 1942 Interest                         | \$ 19.65    |
| 1943 Interest                         | 4.17        |
| 1941 Poll Taxes                       | 2.00        |
| 1942 Poll Taxes                       | 26.00       |
| 1943 Poll Taxes                       | 106.00      |
| UNCOLLECTED:                          |             |
| 1940 Polls                            | 16.00       |
| 1941 Polls                            | 16.00       |
| 1942 Polls                            | 30.00       |
| 1943 Polls                            | 70.00       |

I hereby certify that the above collections are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Tax Collector.

## Receipts and Payments

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### Detailed Payments

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RECEIPTS AND

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RECEIPTS**Current Revenue:****From Local Taxes:**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Total taxes committed to collector         | \$ 3,897.20        |
| Less uncollected                           | 414.42             |
|  | <hr/>              |
| Property Taxes actually collected          | \$ 3,482.78        |
| 1943 Poll Taxes actually collected         | 106.00             |
|  | <hr/>              |
| <b>Total of current year's collections</b> | <b>\$ 3,588.78</b> |

## Property and Poll Taxes of previous

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| year, 1942                  | \$ 306.73 |
| Interest on 1942-1943 taxes | 23.82     |
| Costs on 1942               | 22.10     |
| Taxes bought by Town        | 58.42     |
| 1941 Poll Taxes             | 2.00      |
| 1942 Poll Taxes             | 26.00     |
| Abatements, 1943            | 16.50     |

**From State:**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Bounties, 1943                 | \$ 18.80   |
| Railroad Tax                   | 12.27      |
| Savings Bank Tax               | 6.62       |
| Interest and Dividend Tax      | 13.76      |
| <br>                           |            |
| Total Current Revenue Receipts |            |
| (Carried forward to page 22)   | \$4,095.81 |

**PAYMENTS**                    **Year Ending January 31, 1944**

**PAYMENTS**

**Current Maintenance Expenses:**

**General Government:**

**Detail**

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Town Officers' Salaries   | \$ 341.10 |
| 2. Town Officers' Expenses   | 231.95    |
| 3. Election and Registration | 38.00     |
| 4. Town Hall                 | 88.00     |

**Protection of Persons and Property:**

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| 5. Police Department | 5.00  |
| 6. Fire Department   | 15.20 |
| 7. Bounties          | 46.40 |

**Health Department:**

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| 8. Health Officer   | 5.00 |
| 9. Vital Statistics | 4.25 |

**Highways and Bridges:**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| 10. Snow Removel      | 776.71 |
| 11. Town Road         | 623.10 |
| 12. T. R. A. Included | 35.00  |
| 13. To State T. R. A. | 41.28  |

**Libraries:**

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| 14. Librarian | 12.00 |
|---------------|-------|

**Town Poor Charities:**

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 15. Town Poor and Old Age Assistance | 256.37 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|

**Total Current Payments**

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| (Carried forward to page 23) | \$2,520.36 |
|------------------------------|------------|

**RECEIPTS AND****Total Current Revenue Receipts**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| (Brought forward from page 20) | \$4,095.81 |
|--------------------------------|------------|

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1942 Forest Reserve              | \$ 288.96 |
| Reimbursement from Forest Lands, |           |
| House Bill 65                    | 761.41    |
| Forest Fire bill                 | 7.60      |
| T. R. A. Reimbursement           | 36.96     |

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Highways   | \$ 60.05 |
| Cemeteries | 57.00    |

**From Local Sources Except Taxes:**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 1943 Motor Tax | \$ 108.19 |
|----------------|-----------|

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| 1942 Dog Tax | 6.00 |
|--------------|------|

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| 1943 Dog Tax | 62.00 |
|--------------|-------|

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Refund, Overpayment from Town Clerk | 6.00 |
|-------------------------------------|------|

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Joseph Watson Lot in Mountain View<br>Cemetery | 20.00 |
|--|-------|

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Alice Tyler Lot in Mountain View<br>Cemetery | 5.00 |
|--|------|

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Woodsville Bank Notes | 800.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>\$6,314.97</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Cash on hand January 31, 1943 | 317.57 |
|-------------------------------|--------|

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>\$6,632.54</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|

**PAYMENTS** **Year Ending January 31, 1944**

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**Total Current Payments**

(Brought forward from page 21) **\$2,520.36**

**Detail:**

**Patriotic Purposes:**

16. Memorial Day **\$ 15.44**

**Cemeteries:**

17. Cemeteries **117.65**

**Unclassified:**

18. White Mountain Region **15.00**

19. Taxes bought by Town **76.13**

20. Abatements **16.50**

**Town Property, Upkeep:**

21. Fence, Cochrane Place **8.00**

22. Payments on Notes and Interest **112.90**

23. Note Payments **700.00**

24. Community Building Note **88.00**

**Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:**

25. County Tax **192.96**

26. Schools, from Appropriation **1,369.48**

27. Dog Money **68.00**

28. Back Balance Due Schools **138.13**

**Total Payments** **\$5,437.55**

Cash on hand January 31, 1944 **1,194.99**

**Grand Total** **\$6,632.54**

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## DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

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### General Government:

#### Detail No 1, Town Officers' Salaries

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Ethei A. Boutin, Auditor                         | \$ 8.00  |
| Charles H. Tyler, Selectman, settling '42 acct's | 16.00    |
| George Crowe, Selectman                          | 67.50    |
| John G. Elliott, Selectman (R)                   | 14.00    |
| Charles H. Tyler, Selectman                      | 50.00    |
| William Prue, Selectman                          | 4.00     |
| Alfred Mardin, Selectman                         | 39.00    |
| Floyd Hutchins, Town Clerk                       | 35.00    |
| Floyd Hutchins, Dog Fees                         | 5.60     |
| Floyd Hutchins, motor fees                       | 11.00    |
| Margaret Elliott, Treasurer                      | 35.00    |
| Ira Elliott, Tax Collector                       | 50.00    |
| Ira Elliott, Collector's Fees                    | 6.00     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$341.10 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Total Town Officers' Salaries | \$341.10 |
| Appropriation                 | \$380.00 |

#### Detail No 2, Town Officers' Expenses

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Woodsville Publishing Co., Town Reports     | \$ 107.72 |
| George Crowe, postage and phone             | 7.76      |
| C. H. Tyler, Selectman                      | 2.57      |
| John Elliott, Selectman (R) car             | 7.14      |
| William Prue, Selectman, car                | 6.00      |
| Alfred Mardin, Selectman, car, phone, paper | 8.82      |
| Margaret Elliott, Treasurer, postage        | 3.95      |
| Ira Elliott, Tax Collector, postage         | 3.05      |
| Ira Elliott, Tax Sale adv. and car          | 12.72     |
| Floyd Hutchins, Clerk, postage              | 3.00      |
| Floyd Hutchins, Trustee, car and dinner     | 4.70      |
| Brown and Saltmarsh, Town supplies          | 20.90     |
| Fred J. Shores, Deeds and transfer work     | 4.72      |

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|--|----------|
| Luigi Castello, name transfer  | .10      |
| F. P. Dearth Agency, Bonds   | 20.00    |
| Chamberlin's Greenhouses, Flowers for<br>deceased, Collins, Morse, Tyler | 14.00    |
| Lisbon Bank, Rent of Trustees' box                                       | 4.80     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$231.95 |
| Total Town Officers' Expenses  | \$231.95 |
| Appropriation  | \$260.00 |
| <b>Detail No. 3, Election and Registration</b>                           |          |
| Charles C Tyler, (deceased), Supervisor                                  | \$8.00   |
| Ethel A. Boutin, Supervisor  | 10.00    |
| Napoleon Burke, Supervisor   | 12.00    |
| Chester Elliott, (A)   | 4.00     |
| Ira Elliott, Moderator   | 4.00     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$38.00  |
| Total  | \$38.00  |
| Appropriation  | \$50.00  |
| <b>Detail No. 4, Community Building, Care &amp; Supplies</b>             |          |
| William Prue, wood   | \$54.00  |
| Ira Elliott, hauling wood  | 12.00    |
| Howard Tyler, janitor  | 14.00    |
| Howard Tyler, labor on wood  | 8.00     |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$88.00  |
| Total  | \$ 88.00 |
| Appropriation  | \$100.00 |
| <b>Detail No. 5, Protection of Persons and Property</b>                  |          |
| Ira Elliott, Constable   | \$5.00   |
| Total  | \$ 5.00  |
| Appropriation  | \$10.00  |
| <b>Detail No. 6, Fire Department</b>                                     |          |
| Fire meeting   | \$15.20  |
| Total  | \$15.20  |
| Appropriation  | \$10.00  |

**Detail No. 7, Bounties**

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| Bounties | \$46.46 |
|----------|---------|

**Detail No. 8, Health Department**

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| John Boutin, Health officer | \$5.00 |
|-----------------------------|--------|

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|-------|--------|
| Total | \$5.00 |
|-------|--------|

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|---------------|--------|
| Appropriation | \$5.00 |
|---------------|--------|

**Detail No. 9, Vital Statistics**

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Floyd Hutchins, 5 deaths, 2 births, 1 marriage | \$4.25 |
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|-------|--------|
| Total | \$4.25 |
|-------|--------|

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|---------------|--------|
| Appropriation | \$5.00 |
|---------------|--------|

**Detail No. 10, Snow Removal**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Joseph Boutin, Jr. | \$444.50 |
|--------------------|----------|

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|--------------------|------|
| Joseph Boutin, Sr. | 8.50 |
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|----------------|------|
| Napoleon Burke | 3.50 |
|----------------|------|

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|--------------|------|
| Ira Elliott, | 4.00 |
|--------------|------|

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| Floyd Hutchins | 29.00 |
|----------------|-------|

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|-------------------|-------|
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 35.10 |
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|---------------|-------|
| Albert Boutin | 14.50 |
|---------------|-------|

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|--------------|-------|
| Forrest Pike | 18.00 |
|--------------|-------|

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|-----------------|-------|
| John Boutin Sr. | 59.10 |
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| John Boutin Jr. | 13.00 |
|-----------------|-------|

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|----------------|------|
| Arthur Delaney | 4.00 |
|----------------|------|

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|--------------------|------|
| Joseph Boutin 3rd. | 2.00 |
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| Alfred Mardin | 4.00 |
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| Clinton Hill | 2.00 |
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|----------------|------|
| Joseph Wheeler | 6.50 |
|----------------|------|

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|--------------|-------|
| William Prue | 49.90 |
|--------------|-------|

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| Joseph Prue | 1.00 |
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|-----------------|------|
| William Cstates | 1.00 |
|-----------------|------|

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|---------------|------|
| Ernest Coates | 5.00 |
|---------------|------|

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Joseph Boutin Jr., sand | 68.30 |
|-------------------------|-------|

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Woodsville Hardware Co., Supplies | 3.81 |
|-----------------------------------|------|

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|  | \$776.71 |
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| Total | \$776.71 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$700.00 |
|---------------|----------|

**Detail No. 11, Town Road**

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | \$48.50        |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 42.40          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 47.10          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 15.20          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 21.60          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 63.80          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 56.00          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 41.60          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 15.20          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 17.20          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 19.20          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 30.40          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 17.20          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 33.80          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 20.40          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 24.60          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 62.00          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 7.00           |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 16.00          |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 7.60           |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 7.60           |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 8.70           |
|                   | \$623.10 ————— |

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Total Town Road Work, expended | \$623.10 |
| Appropriation                  | \$550.00 |

**Detail No. 12, T. R. A.**

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | \$ 8.00       |
| Joseph Boutin Jr. | 21.00         |
| William Crowe     | 4.00          |
| Paul Boutin       | 2.00          |
|                   | \$35.00 ————— |

**Detail No. 13**

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| To State T. R. A.      | \$ 41.28       |
| Total                  | \$ 41.28 ————— |
| T. R. A. Appropriation | \$206.42       |

**Detail No. 14, Libraries**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Margaret E. Elliott, Librarian | \$ 12.00 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

**Detail No. 15, Town Poor and Old Age Assistance**

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Town Poor, Lula Collins (deceased) | \$186.24 |
|------------------------------------|----------|

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Old age assistance, Mr. Charles Blake | 70.12 |
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|  | \$256.37 |
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| Total | \$256.37 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$100.00 |
|---------------|----------|

**Detail No. 16, Patriotic Purposes**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Ira Elliott, Memorial Day dinner supplies | \$15.44 |
|---|---------|

**Detail No. 17, Public Service Enterprises****Cemeteries:**

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Charles C. Tyler, (deceased), labor | \$ 55.50 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|

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|---------------------|-------|
| William Prue, labor | 10.09 |
|---------------------|-------|

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|---------------------|-------|
| George Crowe, labor | 11.15 |
|---------------------|-------|

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|--------------------|-------|
| Ira Elliott, labor | 41.00 |
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|  | \$117.65 |
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| Total | \$117.65 |
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| Appropriation | \$ 50.00 |
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\$60.05 was received from Trust Funds

**Detail No. 18, White Mountains Region Ass'n.**

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| White Mountains Region Association | \$ 15.00 |
|------------------------------------|----------|

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|-------|----------|
| Total | \$ 15.00 |
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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$ 15.00 |
|---------------|----------|

**Detail No. 19, Unclassified**

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Taxes bought by Town including Interest | \$76.13 |
|---|---------|

**Detail No. 20, Abatement of Taxes**

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Abatement of Taxes | \$ 16.50 |
|--------------------|----------|

**Detail No. 21, Town Property Upkeep**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| John Boutin, fence around Cochrane place | \$ 8.00 |
|--|---------|

**Detail No. 22, Interest on Notes**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Interest | \$112.90 |
|----------|----------|

**Detail No. 23, Payments on Notes**

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Payments on Notes | \$700.00 |
|-------------------|----------|

**Detail No. 24, Community Building Notes**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Community Building Notes | \$ 88.00 |
|--------------------------|----------|

**Detail No. 25, Payments to Governmental Divisions**

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| County Tax | \$192.96 |
|------------|----------|

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| Total | \$192.96 |
|-------|----------|

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|---------------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$192.96 |
|---------------|----------|

**Detail No. 26, School District**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| To Treasurer of Schools | \$1,575.61 |
|-------------------------|------------|

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| Total | \$1,575.61 |
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| Appropriation | \$1,525.00 |
|---------------|------------|

Of this amount paid to schools \$138.13

was paid on back due accounts and

\$68.00 was dog tax

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total to Governmental Divisions | \$1,768.57 |
|---------------------------------|------------|

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Highway Dept.**

December 22, 1943.

Town of Benton: In the T. R. A. Account for the year 1943 there is a balance of \$147.85 in the State's share, plus \$36.96 in the Town's share.

If the town wishes to carry the balance over to be used in 1944 the same should be shown in the town books and annual report.

**What Do You Wish To Be Done With The Town's. Bal?**

Please indicate by crossing out the statement below which does not apply and returning this letter signed by two or more Selectmen.

F. A. BROWN, Div. Engineer.

We wish the Town's balance to be carried over to be used in the next year's account with the state's balance.

ALFRED W. MARDIN

CHARLES H. TYLER

Selectmen.

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## TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

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### For the Period ending January 31, 1944

The following is our annual report of all Trust Funds.

Received of Ira Whitcher Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery \$13.75

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 10.91

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\$24.66

For Cemetery \$13.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 11.63

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\$24.66

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on \$500.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for care of lot. Balance if any for School and Highways \$13.75

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\$13.75

Care of lot \$ 9.75

For School 2.00

For Highways 2.00

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\$13.75

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on \$1,000.00 U. S. Treasury Loan for Cemetery, Balance, if any, for School and Highways \$27.50

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\$27.50

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For Cemetery \$17.50

For School 5.00

For Highways 5.00

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\$27.50

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest  
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for  
School \$50.00  

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\$50.00

To Benton School District \$50.00

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest  
on \$1,500.00 and \$250.00 U. S. Treasury Loans for  
Highways \$50.00

To Town of Benton for Highways \$50.00

Received from Ella Mann Fund, interest on  
\$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 1.16

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Care of lot \$1.00

Bal Jan 31 1944 1 16

82-16

Received from George H. Clark Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

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Bal Jan 31 1943 16 30

210 30

Care of lot 330

Bal Jan 31 1944 16.30

10-60

Received from William T. Torsey Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .83

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Care of Lot \$ .50  
Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.22

§ 1.72

Received from Samuel C. Annis Fund, interest  
on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .88

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Care of Lot \$ .50  
Bal Jan 31 1944 1.22

S 1 72

Received from Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .88

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Care of Lot \$ .50  
Bal. Jan. 31 1944 1.22

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8-1 72

Received from J. C. Speed Fund, interest on  
\$134.71 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 2.29

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 12.03

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\$14.32

Care of Lot \$ 2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 12.32

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\$14.32

Received from Samuel Whitcher and Wm. Kendall Fund, interest on \$200.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$ 3.30

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 17.12

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\$20.42

Care of Lot \$ 3.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 17.42

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\$20.42

Received from Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.

\$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 1.02

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\$2.02

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 1.02

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\$2.02

Received from Daniel M. and Kendrick L. Howe Fund, interest on \$100.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$ 2.01

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .29

\$ 2.30

Care of lot \$2.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 .30

\$ 2.30

Received from Isabella M. Tyler Fund, interest on \$50.00 deposited Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co. \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1943 .22

\$1.22

Care of lot \$1.00

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 .22

\$1.22

Received from L. H. Parker Fund, rent of Cemetery Field \$5.00

\$5.00

Care of lot \$5.00

Total amount received from Trust Funds for the year ending January 31, 1943.

Bal. Jan. 31, 1944 61.69

\$238.11

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|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid for care of cemetery lots, for repairing and beautifying Mountain View Cemetery | \$ 60.05 |
| Paid Benton School District  | 57.00    |
| Paid Town of Benton for Maintenance  |          |
| of Highways  | 57.00    |
| Balance deposited on check account,<br>Lisbon Savings Bank & Trust Co.               | 64.06    |
|  | <hr/>    |
|  | \$238.11 |

NAPOLEON BURKE,  
FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,  
ARTHUR E. DELANEY,  
Trustees of Trust Funds.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT****Year Ending January 31, 1944**

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Books in Library January 31, 1944 | 886   |
| Books added by State              | 4     |
| <hr/>                             | <hr/> |
| Total Books Now                   | 870   |
| Books loaned in 1943              | 120   |
| Books in Library January 31, 1944 | 863   |
| Books in circulation              | 7     |
| <hr/>                             | <hr/> |
| Total number of books             | 870   |

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT, Librarian.

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**REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Cash on Hand January 31, 1944 \$ 66.92

Interest for 1943 has not been added.

MILDRED A. ELLIOTT,  
FRANCES J. MARDIN,  
Library Trustees.

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ETHEL A. BOUTIN,  
February 4th, 1944 Town Auditor.

**DANCE REVENUE REPORT**  
**For The Year Ending January 31st, 1944**

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Total receipts from dances       | \$ 16.02 |
| Balance on hand January 31, 1943 | 117.29   |
|                                  | <hr/>    |
|                                  | \$133.32 |

**Payments**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| For janitor service        | \$ 65.00 |
| Curtain for stage          | 9.00     |
|                            | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$ 74.00 |
| Balance January 31st, 1944 | 59.32    |
|                            | <hr/>    |
|                            | \$133.32 |

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,  
Treasurer of Dance Revenue.

# Benton School Report

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

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### School Board

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin, Chairman | Term expires 1944 |
| Mrs. Alexzina Boutin,       | Term expires 1945 |
| Floyd Hutchins,             | Term expires 1946 |

### Other District Officers

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Charles H. Tyler    | Treasurer                 |
| Mrs. Frances Mardin | Auditor                   |
| Mrs. Ethel Boutin   | Clerk                     |
| Ira A. Elliott      | Moderator                 |
| Ronald A. Perham    | Superintendent of Schools |
| Arthur Delaney      | Truant Officer            |

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## CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RONALD A. PERHAM      Superintendent of Schools  
ETHEL BOUTIN,  
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,  
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

February 1, 1944

School Board

**WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING****The State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School and Community Building in said district in the 14th day of March, 1944, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statuatory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

ETHEL BOUTIN,  
ALEXZINA BOUTIN,  
FLOYD HUTCHINS,

School Board.

## RECEIPTS 1942—1943

**State and Federal Aid:**

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Equalization fund for elementary |             |
| school (from state)              | \$ 1,017.95 |
| Federal Forest Reserve           | 144.48      |
| <hr/>                            |             |
| Total                            | \$1,162.43  |

**Income from Local Taxation:**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| (Raised by Selectmen)          |            |
| For support of elementary      |            |
| and high schools 1942-43       | \$1,425.00 |
| Bal. of previous appropriation | 365.00     |
| <hr/>                          |            |
| Total                          | \$1,790.00 |

**Income from Other Sources:**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Income from local trust                |                   |
| funds, 1942                            | \$ 57.00          |
| Dog licenses                           | 40.00             |
| <hr/>                                  |                   |
| Total                                  | \$ 97.00          |
| <hr/>                                  |                   |
| <b>Total Receipts From All Sources</b> | <b>\$3,049 43</b> |

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of |                   |
| Year, July 1, 1942           | 67.85             |
| <hr/>                        |                   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$3,117.28</b> |

## PAYMENTS 1942—1943

**Administration**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries of district officers  | \$ 40.00 |
| Superintendent's excess salary | 38.64    |
| Truant officers and census     | 5.00     |
| Expenses of administration     | 14.61    |

**Instruction**

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Teacher's salary              | 865.00 |
| Textbooks                     | 27.22  |
| Scholars' supplies            | 39.65  |
| Other expenses of instruction | 2.76   |

**Operation and Maintenance**

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Janitor service                  | 100.00 |
| Fuel                             | 94.75  |
| Water, light, janitor's supplies | 43.37  |
| Minor repairs and expenses       | 70.63  |

**Auxiliary Agencies**

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Medical inspection        | 29.85  |
| Transportation of pupils  | 545.95 |
| High school tuition       | 226.97 |
| Elementary school tuition | 236.00 |
| Other special activities  | 3.50   |

**Fixed Charges**

|                                   |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Tax for state-wide supervision    | 60.00 |
| Insurance and other fixed charges | 57.59 |

**Outlay for Construction and Equipment**

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Lands and new buildings | 71.26 |
| New equipment           | 97.94 |

**Debt, Interest and Other Charges**

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Payment on Principal of debt          | 240.00 |
| Payment on interest of debt           | 88.97  |
| Payments of bills from previous years | 24.00  |

Total Payments For All Purposes \$3,025.62

Cash on Hand at End of Year

June 30, 1943 91.66

**GRAND TOTAL** \$3,117.28 —————

**BALANCE SHEET****ASSETS****June 30, 1943****Cash on hand:**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Balance June 30, 1943 | \$ 91.66 |
|-----------------------|----------|

**Accounts due to district :**

|           |        |
|-----------|--------|
| From town | 138.13 |
|-----------|--------|

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| Total Assets | \$ 229.79 |
|--------------|-----------|

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Excess of Liabilities over Assets | 1,935.24 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$2,165.00 |
|-------------|------------|

**LIABILITIES****June 30, 1943****Accounts owed by district:**

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Victory tax | \$ 5.00 |
|-------------|---------|

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Notes outstanding | 2,160.00 |
|-------------------|----------|

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Total Liabilities | \$2,165.00 |
|-------------------|------------|

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Excess of Assets over Liabilities | 0.00 |
|-----------------------------------|------|

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| GRAND TOTAL | \$2,165.00 |
|-------------|------------|

## ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1943

School District of Benton

## SUMMARY

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand, June 30, 1942       | \$ 67.85   |
| Received from Selectmen:          |            |
| Appropriation for current year    | 1,423.00   |
| Balance of previous appropriation | 365.00     |
| Dog tax                           | 40.00      |
| Income from trust funds           | 57.00      |
| Received from State Treasurer:    |            |
| State aid                         | 1,017.95   |
| Received from all other sources   | 144.48     |
|                                   | <hr/>      |
|                                   | \$3,049.43 |

## Total Amount Available For Fiscal Year

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| (Balance and Receipts)          | \$3,117.28 |
| Less School Board's Orders Paid | 3,025.62   |

## Balance on hand as of June 30, 1943

(Treasurer's Bank Balance) \$ 91.66

CHARLES H. TYLER,

July 10, 1943

District Treasurer.



## AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 15, 1943 FRANCES MARDIN, Auditor.

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1944—1945**

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School Board's statements of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944.

**Detailed Statement of Estimated Expenditures****Support of Schools:**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Teachers' salaries                        | \$ 1,100.00 |
| Textbooks                                 | 25.00       |
| Scholars' supplies                        | 30.00       |
| Flags and appurtenances                   | 5.00        |
| Other expenses of instruction             | 5.00        |
| Janitor service                           | 102.50      |
| Fuel                                      | 120.00      |
| Water, light, janitor's supplies          | 28.00       |
| Minor repairs and expenses                | 55.00       |
| Health supervision and medical inspection | 30.00       |
| Transportation of pupils                  | 300.00      |
| Payment of elementary tuitions            | 144.00      |
| Other special activities                  | 5.00        |
|   | <hr/>       |
|   | \$1,944.50  |

**Other Statutory Requirements:**

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Salaries of District Officers<br>(fixed by district)                     | \$ 36.00 |
| Truant Officer and School census<br>(fixed by district)                  | 10.00    |
| Payment of tuition in high schools and<br>academies (estimated by board) | 360.00   |

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Superintendent's excess salary<br>(fixed by supervisory union) | 38.64      |
| Per capita tax<br>(reported by State Treasurer)                | 56.00      |
| Payment of principal of debt                                   | 240.00     |
| Payment of interest on debt                                    | 67.20      |
| Other obligations  | 83.75      |
|  | <hr/>      |
|  | \$891.59   |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Total Amount Required to Meet<br>School Board's Budget         | \$2,836.09 |
|  | <hr/>      |
| <b>Estimated Income of District</b>                            |            |
| Balance, June 30, 1944   | \$ 200.00  |
| State Aid, December 1944 allotment                             | 900.00     |
| Dog Taxes  | 50.00      |
| Income from trust funds  | 57.00      |
| Federal Forest Reserve   | 75.00      |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Deduct Total Estimated Income<br>(Not raised by Taxation)      | \$1,282.00 |
|  | <hr/>      |
| Assessment Required to Balance                                 | \$1,554.09 |

We recommend that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,575.00 for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
 ETHEL BOUTIN,  
 ALEXZINA BOUTIN,  
 FLOYD HUTCHINS,  
 School Board.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my first annual report as superintendent of your schools.

The total enrollment for the school in 1942-1943 was 16. The average membership 13.27. The percent of attendance 93.10% and the number of tardinesses were 8. There were four pupils attending Haverhill Academy. There were two elementary pupils at East Haverhill, three at Haverhill Corner and two at Glencliff.

This year the total enrollment is 10.

There is one pupil attending Haverhill Academy and ten pupils attending an elementary school outside the district.

Mrs. Katie Paige of Groton, Vermont is teaching your school this year. Mrs. Paige is an experienced teacher; she understands the problems of a rural community; she has taught fundamentals well and in addition she has done valuable work in Home Economics and Agriculture. We are fortunate not to have to change teachers in the middle of the year. We hope to retain the services of Mrs. Paige for another year.

The spring was cemented and covered. This will result in a purer and better water supply.

Respectfully submitted,  
RONALD A. PERHAM,  
Superintendent.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### **Births Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.**

#### **For The Year Ending January 31, 1944**

Robert Eli Boutin, born at Benton, N. H. August 30th, 1943, first child, male, living, white; name of father, John Boutin Jr., occupation, farm laborer, birthplace, Lisbon, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Iona V. Mason, birthplace, Bath, N. H. Residence of parents, Benton, N. H.

Ira Bruce Elliott, born at Benton, N. H., September 11th, 1943, fourth child, male, living, white; name of father, Benjamin L. Elliott, occupation, Lolbin mill worker, birthplace, Benton, N. H.; maiden name of mother, Helen G. Lombard, birthplace, Burlington, Vt. Residence of parents, Glencliff, N. H.

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### **Marriages Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.**

#### **For The Year Ending January 31, 1944**

John Boutin Jr. and Iona V. Mason, married at Benton, N. H. August 30th, 1943 by Floyd J. Hutchins Justice of the Peace; residence of groom, Benton, N. H. age, 17 years, single, farm laborer, born at Lisbon, N. H.; father's name, Jahn Boutin Sr.; mother's maiden name, Ethel A. Clough. Residence of bride, Benton, N. H., age, 17 years, occupation, housework, father's name, Clayton A. Mason; mother's maiden name, Lottie May Dodge.

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### **Deaths Registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.**

#### **For The Year Ending January 31, 1944**

Mary Brown Henderson, died June 11th, 1943; age, 50 years, 10 months, 7 days; born in Ireland, white, married; father's name, Michael Brown; maiden name of mother, Margaret Dowd; cause of death, renal tuberculosis.

Marie Azilda Lagotte, died June 18, 1943; age, 23 years, 12 days; born at Rochester, N. H., white, single; father's name, Mederick Lagotte; maiden name of mother, Angie Brouillard; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Clarence W. Boyle, died August 11, 1943; age 23 years, 5 months, 29 days; born at Whitefield, N. H., white, single; father's name, William F. Boyle; maiden name of mother, Annie McMann; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Charlie Clark Tyler, died July 8, 1943, age 62 years, 8 months, 12 days; born at Haverhill, N. H.; white, married; father's name, Alfred Elmore Tyler; maiden name of mother, Mary J. Clark; cause of death, coronary occlusion.

Lillian E. Woods, died November 3rd, 1943, age 32 years, 2 months, 1 day; born at Old Town, Maine; white, married; husband's name, Garcia Woods; father's name, Joseph F. Mishou; maiden name of mother, Elizabeth Hanscon; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

Joseph Quiney Henry, died January 25, 1944; age 58 years, 2 months, 14 days; born at South Boston, Mass.; white, married, wife's name, Daisy Goodwin Henry; father's name, John Q. Henry; maiden name of mother, Sarah Thomas; cause of death, pulmonary tuberculosis.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct to the best of my knowlege and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS,  
Town Clerk.



